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There was a discussion at Wednesday's Principals meeting regarding how demand management does or doesn't fit into the BDCP. I guess it came up from NGOs? Jerry was asking what agencies thought. Mark Cowan feels strongly that it does not. Maria said they were open to it if proposed by applicant (which it wouldn't be of course). A lot of the back and forth I couldn't hear. I think this was also to be the focus of the Wednesday afternoon Public Meeting but I did not watch.

If Jerry bring it up with me on Monday (or maybe even if he doesn't), I feel like I should tell him how it could play into the 404 permitting process, and I would make these points:

- its really up to the Corps as the permitting agency; and
- My view on whether demand mgmt is an alternative or a piece of an alternative depends on the Project Purpose. If BDCP is to change Delta conveyance for water reliability and ecosystem benefits, than DM does not need to be an alternative. If BDCP is to make more water available, then it would need to be.

Is that too over-simplified?

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